

Meets EPA Compliance

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GRIFFITH — The town board Tuesday announced American Chemical Service Company is in compliance with Environmental Protection Agency regulations.

Democratic seventh precinct Committeeman George Milne told trustees at the last meeting that American Chemical Services was in violation of EPA regulations. He supported his statement with EPA reports stating the violations.

Trustee Patricia Schaadt read a letter last night from James Tarpo, president of American Chemical Services stating the firm is in compliance with EPA regulations.

Tarpo's letter indicated the final compliance is the current installation of fencing enclosing the entire plant.

There were three areas previously in violation: Past land filling practices, treatment and disposal site licensing and sewer discharge quality.

Several thousand previously buried barrels containing solidified paints are now in a clay burial site. Tarpo said the site was closed in 1975 when EPA required new regulations. Since

then wastes have been taken away from the area.

The firm is installing a continuous 24-hour pH meter to monitor its sewage discharge.

Tarpo said in the 10 years the firm has been discharging into the Griffith sewer system there has been no apparent damage to the plant's sewers and the Hammond Sanitary District which treats Griffith's sewage has seen no evidence of high chemical loading in the Griffith sewer effluent.

The ERA and Tarpo signed a consent agreement and final order May 27, 1981.

Milne asked for a copy of Tarpo's letter to study. He reiterated his concern about toxic chemicals.

Following the meeting Mrs. Schaadt said if the EPA is satisfied we feel we have no problem.

Trustee John Cioroianu said Tarpo was very cooperative in the meeting with trustees and public works director. Tarpo told the town it could check the firm's effluent discharge any time day or night.

Cioroianu said the pH meter monitor is costing the firm \$25,000.

In other business the art fair committee presented the town with two Rod Crossman paintings.

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